

This will not be the first of the letters with the text below so I will begin by adding my own personal outrage and fear when I see the media control in the hands of a few corrupt corporations who do not believe the airwaves belong to the public. They know they can get away with this because in my opinion the FCC is wholly partisan to the right. It is increasingly clear that it is not hyperbolic to say democracy in America will soon be just a memory. When powerful corporations can spin the truth in the media to an unsuspecting public to influence their actions in the voting booth, then democracy is a sham.

Pappas Telecasting Companies' 'donation' of \$325,000 in airtime to Republican candidates in certain areas is yet another example of a powerful media group abusing its privileged access to the public airwaves.

Localism is not served when a corporate headquarters decides to provide one side in local elections a louder voice than others. During election season, local audiences should be offered genuine debate -- not disingenuous offers to "purchase" an equal amount of response time.

Pappas uses the public airwaves free of charge and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Pappas' actions are legally questionable and cast doubt on whether Pappas truly intends to serve the public interest. Their actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Further, they show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than just a returned postcard. Thank you.